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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY SPY RING CASE: MESSAGES OF CONCERN CONVEYED

TO FOREIGN MINISTRY

REF: SEOUL 10293

1. ON JANUARY 13, EMBOFF CALLED ON YI SUNG-KON, DIRECTOR NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION I, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

EMBOFF REFERRED TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION'S CONVERSATION WITH VICE MINISTER YUN ON KIM CHOL-KYUN CASE (REFTEL AND REVIEWED FILE OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED AND WHICH REFLECTED HOPE OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. THAT CONDEMNED BE GRANTED CLEMENCY.

2. MR. YI SAID KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON HAD ALSO RECEIVED CALLS, CALBES AND LETTERS ON THIS CASE, AND HAD REPORTED ABOUT THEM TO MOFA. YI SUMMARIZED EVIDENCE AGAINST KIM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ALLEGED SPY RING. HE SAID ACCUSED WERE GUILTY OF ESPIONAGE AND WOULD HAVE TO FACE CONSEQUENCES. HE NOTED THAT ROKG DID NOT CONSIDER THIS CASE IN SAME CLASS WITH SUCH A CASE AS MYONGDONG INCIDENT.

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3. WHEN YI ASKED WHAT EMBASSY WAS SEEKING, EMBOFF REPLIED "THAT DEFENDANTS BE GRANTED EVERY OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY LAW TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY".

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